



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Friday - November 14, 2003

- ***In the West***, beneficial rain and snow showers linger across ***southern New Mexico*** and the ***Intermountain region***. However, cool, unfavorably dry weather continues to limit winter wheat development across the ***interior Northwest***. Meanwhile, showers are developing along the ***Pacific Coast*** in conjunction with an approaching storm system.
- ***On the Plains***, rain showers linger across ***southern portions of the region***, aiding winter wheat but slowing sorghum, cotton, and peanut harvesting. Meanwhile, drought persists in most winter wheat areas on the ***northern and central Plains***, despite recent topsoil moisture improvements.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, gusty winds and scattered snow showers linger across the ***lower Great Lakes region***, but cool, dry weather favors final summer crop harvesting elsewhere in the ***Midwest***.
- ***In the South***, cool, dry weather is promoting final autumn fieldwork, including soybean and cotton harvesting.

Outlook: Snow showers and high winds will diminish later today across the ***Northeast***, as an intense low-pressure system moves away from ***northern New England***. Meanwhile, light to moderate rain will spread from the ***southern Plains*** into the ***Tennessee and Ohio Valleys***. Elsewhere, rain and high-elevation snow will return to the ***Pacific Northwest, northern California, and the Great Basin***. During the weekend, temperatures will slowly moderate in the ***East***, while below-normal temperatures will prevail in the ***West***. By early next week, showers and locally heavy thunderstorms are forecast to overspread much of the ***South and East***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for November 19-23 calls for above-normal precipitation in the ***East and the West***, while drier-than-normal conditions prevail across the ***Plains and Midwest***. Above-normal temperatures are forecast nationwide, except for cooler-than-normal weather in the ***Pacific Northwest***.

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